

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A8612

Pranav ASHAR, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 7-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/425,886 filed October 25, 1999, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/142,537 filed July 7, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.